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FREEZE ON FURNITURE ACQUISITION

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1. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has placed a freeze on the procurement of new office and household furniture by executive branch departments and agencies. This is a result of the discovery by OMB that furniture worth several million dollars exists in various Government agency warehouses. The freeze is intended to suspend further furniture acquisition until existing inventories are depleted. Accordingly, requests for new or additional furniture will be satisfied from Agency stocks of similar type items, if available. Otherwise, procurement actions will be deferred until the lifting of the freeze.

2. Although this freeze applies to the procurement or ordering of any furniture from the General Services Administration (GSA) or any other source, it provides that certain exceptions may be granted by GSA. Currently, authorized exceptions include safes, school and library equipment, furniture for overseas shipment, and certain other furnishings available from the Federal Prison Industries and the National Industries for the Blind and Severely Handicapped.

- 3. GSA also is authorized to make exceptions to this ruling when unusual circumstances exist. In these cases, the Office of Logistics will forward the requirement to GSA for review when its urgency has been justified by the customer. The justification must be approved by an Operating Official and the Director of Logistics.

STAT 4. For additional information concerning this matter, call extension

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